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LATEST TELEGRAMS.

TURKEY AND THE POWERS.

REPORTED MASSACRE AT SIVAS.
CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 14.—A telegram despatched from Sivas at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon confirms the reported outbreak in that town, and states that the rioting was attended by serious bloodshed. Order has been partially restored, and the foreign residents are carefully protected by the authorities. There is no news this morning from other districts.—REUTER.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 15.—The Porte has made a further reply to the six Powers on the subject of the measures it is taking to re-establish order in the disturbed districts of Asia Minor. The statement affirms that 30,000 men of the Reserves have been called out and will be distributed among the districts requiring them. It also adds that the governors of the various provinces have forwarded reports affirming that increased tranquillity is manifesting itself generally. The troops are, moreover, being housed and fed at the expense of the Government.

WARRIOR FOR TURKISH WATERS.

VENICE, Nov. 15.—The Italian despatch boat Archimedes left here this morning to join the Italian squadron, which is about to leave Naples for the Eastern Mediterranean, and which consists of the flagship Re Umberto, the ironclad Andrea Doria, and the cruisers Stromboli and Etruria, under the command of Vice-admiral Accini.—REUTER.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Mr. Herbert, Secretary of the Navy, stated that Rear-Admiral Selfridge, now at Marseilles, has been ordered to sail immediately, and, after picking up the Marblehead, to proceed to that part of Turkey where there is most likely to be trouble. The U.S. vessels are not expected to visit Constantinople, but under all circumstances they will remain in close company with the British and French squadrons. If there should be a demand for a strong U.S. fleet, the squadron under Admiral Buncle would be available, but it would take the vessels three weeks to reach the Levant.—REUTER.

VIENNA, Nov. 15.—A despatch from Bucharest, published by the "Neue Freie Presse," to-day states that, according to intelligence received there from Galatz, the Romanian war vessels in that port have received orders to hold themselves in readiness to sail.—REUTER.

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SHIPBUILDING DISPUTE.
The shipbuilding strike continues to develop at Belfast. On Friday additional men left Queen Island for lack of work, and will not return again until the settlement of the dispute. Out of somewhat over 8,000 men employed by Harland and Wolff, less than 2,000 are at present in the yards, and the engagement of these will soon run out. Altogether there are about 8,000 men idle, with no speedy prospect of employment. It is stated on good authority that the masters have agreed amongst themselves to remain firm, and on the other hand the men are more determined than ever not to yield. At present the outlook is very black.—At Glasgow on Friday the dispute promised to be long and bitter. Sir D. Currie still persists in his generous intervention, but the masters positively affirm that they will not accept the overtures of a third party, and there seems to be no doubt that if the strike is prolonged the allied trades must suffer and may have a voice in the settlement of the dispute. The masters adhere to their previous offer of a farthing advance, but the men now want the same wages as those for which the Belfast engineers struck. The masters complain that it is difficult to negotiate with the men, as any rapprochement means changed ground.

BREAKING CARDINAL VAUGHAN'S WINDOWS.

At Westminster, Jane Donovan, of Eaton Lane, Finsbury, was charged before Mr. Shiel with wilfully breaking glass, value £1, at Archibald's House, Carlisle-place, Westminster. Charles Carroll, butler to Cardinal Vaughan, deposed that prisoner broke 3 panes of glass, stating that she did it because she was drunk.—The constable who arrested prisoner said she was drunk. She said that she broke the windows as the Catholics had money from her and her family.—Prisoner: Yes, they have robbed me through

DISASTER TO A MAN-OF-WAR'S LAUNCH.

REPORTED LOSS OF 48 LIVES.

We regret to learn that on Wednesday a launch belonging to H.M.S. Edgar, now on the China Station, containing a large number of men, was lost. It is feared that no fewer than 48 persons have been drowned. A representative of "The Globe," on making inquiries at the Admiralty on Friday, was informed that a brief telegram had been received confirming the news of the disaster, but that no details had come to hand. The Press Association is officially informed that the Admiralty has received what appears to be a second or subsequent message, correcting certain errors in a former dispatch. This dispatch has not, however, come to hand, and the Secretary to the Admiralty has consequently cabled for all details, including a list of the names and ratings of the ill-fated blue-jackets. Reuter's Agency learns that a dispatch from Admiral Buller, dated from Hong Kong, has reached the Admiralty, in which the report having received a telegram from H.M.S. Edgar, bearing date Chemulpo (Corea), Nov. 14, stating that the Edgar's launch had founded on the previous day, and that 48 men had been drowned. The names were as yet unknown. Details would follow. In the absence of further information the opinion is expressed at the Admiralty that the launch was probably conveying liberty men either to or from the shore. The names of the drowned will be communicated to the press as soon as they are received. A court of inquiry into the cause of the disaster will be held at Nagasaki. A Plymouth report says:—Most of the crew of the Edgar were Devonport men, and the greatest anxiety prevails since the receipt of news of the drowning of 48 blue-jackets through the Edgar's launch capsizing on the Japan coast. The full list of names of the drowned is anxiously awaited.

The Admiralty officials are engaged in checking the list of names of those drowned in the disaster. A large number of callers have visited the Admiralty, and in many cases the anxieties of relatives and friends of seamen have been relieved by the statement that the enquirer's friend's name does not appear in the list of victims.

BIRTH OF A DAUGHTER TO THE CZAR.

The Empress of Russia was safely delivered of a daughter on Friday evening. A bulletin issued later stated that the condition of the Czarina and her infant daughter was entirely satisfactory. At the religious service held in accordance with the Orthodox Rite in the infant princess received the name of Olga.

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IN THE DIVORCE COURT.

A STOKE NEWINGTON SUIT.

CHURCH V. CHURCH AND MARSHALL.—Husband's petition. Respondent and co-respondent set up a plea of connivance. There was a claim for damages.—Petitioner married respondent in April, 1883, and afterwards they resided at Lewisham, and subsequently at Stoke Newington. The parties here made the acquaintance of the co-respondent, who had a residence there, and also at Brighton. After the marriage, respondent made a communication to the petitioner; but he said that need make no difference, and a son was eventually brought to the house as a nephew.

Mrs. Church. Respondent again declared Lord Heytesbury met with an accident, which resulted in a broken ankle.

Mr. S. Hancock, of Derby, who was for many years the only manufacturer of Crown Derby china in England, died on Friday in his 76th year.

A doddock boat capsized on Friday off Portobello, and John Innes, the skipper, his son, and three brothers named Woods were drowned.

At Thames, Barnett Flortont, machinist, of Bedford-square, Stepney, was fined £10 for concealing a quantity of illicit spirit, with intent to defraud her Majesty's Revenue.

Two explosions occurred on Friday in the City, one near the Mansion House, the other in the neighbourhood of Fenchurch-street. They were caused by the explosion of some fog signals, which had been placed in the street.

At Marylebone, Walter Hort was sentenced to 2 months' hard labour for stealing various sums of money, the property of his employer, Mr. W. Whiteley, of Westbourne Grove.

A fireman named Learey, while oiling a part of his engine between Brentford and Isleworth on Thursday, fell off on to the line. He sustained such injuries that life was extinct before he could be taken to the hospital.

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MARIE BRUYETTE AND THE CHESS-PLAYERS.

"Does the artist, Mademoiselle Bruyette, live hereabouts?" asked a blue-haired gentleman, soberly clad in black.

"Yes, citizen," said a tenant of the building (which is well known to the reader, in the Rue Barnabé), who was lounging in the doorway. "On the top floor."

"She paints miniatures; is that so, my friend?"

"She might be better occupied," said the lounger; "but that is her business, I believe."

"Thank you," said Monsieur Melville. "I have a commission for her."

He ascended the old oak stairway, pausing on the landings to observe the rooms of the other lodgers, and presently knocked at Marie's door.

She opened it. Monsieur bowed.

"Enter, if you please," said Marie.

"You are alone?"

"Yes. What is behind the curtain?"

"My little room."

"The one you told me off."

"Yes. Draw the curtain."

She drew it, and, opening a door, exposed the apartment in which Jaffray Elliott had found his hiding-place early in the adventures of this narrative.

"It is well. And what is your report?"

"The Queen declines."

"What did she say?"

"I fear failure," she said; "it would mean the death of the Dauphin, it would bring many friends to the scaffold."

"And you said?"

"I assure you, madame," I replied, "that the scheme is perfect; you will honour me by wearing my clothes. I remain here in your place; you go out free, that is secured; there is no weakness in a single detail."

"And then?"

"I have decided," she replied; "I have fully considered; I am deeply sensible of the devotion of my friends; you, my child, have my warmest gratitude." She took me in her arms and kissed me; oh, so thin and worn and weak, it made my heart bleed."

"You urged her all you could!"

"I left nothing unaided or undone."

"You believe her decision is final?"

"I am sure it is. She will follow the King to Heaven."

"We are all sure of our reward there, my dear mademoiselle; but we want a little here below. You are a brave girl. Permit me to kiss your hand."

She held forth her hand. Having kissed the tips of her fingers, he took from his pocket a ring, and laying it in her white palm, said, "Wear this, as a souvenir of our good intentions."

"Thank you, monsieur," said Marie, putting it on her middle finger; "it is a ruby."

"It typifies our agony," said Melville with a cold smile.

There was a knock at the door.

"Enter!" said Marie.

Laroche walked in. Melville's back was towards him.

"Then, mademoiselle, we shall say two miniatures, if you please; Robespierre and Danton, the saviours of France.

"Thank you, citizen. You are a generous patron."

"Not so generous as you think. Your price must be less, mademoiselle, in proportion, for the two. But we will discuss that later."

Then, turning round, he saw Laroche.

"Citizen Laroche!" he said. "How do you do, monsieur? If it is not too early, a pinch of snuff?"

"Thank you, Citizen Melville," said Laroche, dipping his thick fingers into Melville's well-welled box, and at the same time looking at Marie with a suspicious twinkle in his deep-set eyes.

"You rarely patronise the Café de la République now-a-days," said Melville.

"No time for café," said Laroche; "too busy with prisons."

"There are rumours of a conspiracy to rescue the Queen," said Melville.

"The Queen," said Laroche. "And who may she be?"

"The widow Capet," said Melville. "I call her the Queen because it sounds grander for the Republic to have a queen in durance than a mere widow Capet."

"You are a man of fancy," said Laroche.

"Why not have a picture of the 'sleuth-hound,' as my daughter calls her father?"

"And who may your daughter be?"

"Don't you know that Marie is my daughter?"

"I did not know," said Melville—though he knew well enough.

"Very well, then she is; takes the maiden name of her mother because she does not like my profession."

"Really!" said Melville. "But art is always eccentric, and mademoiselle is a woman of genius."

"Monsieur very much overrated my abilities," said Marie; "as much as my father lowers my estimate of him when he repeats, unkindly, what I said in my haste."

"Ah, well, we'll say no more about it, my girl," replied Laroche, taking her face between his coarse hands and kissing her on both cheeks.

"I have an appointment at the café for a game of chess," said Melville. "I take my leave at this happy moment. Bonsoir, Citizen Laroche; bonsoir, my dear young lady."

"What is he here for?" asked Laroche the moment that Melville was beyond hearing. "Not to come-mission portraits."

"Yes, to commission portraits," said Marie. "And I would rather make a miniature of you than of your two friends."

"There is some intrigue going on at the Conciergerie?"

"Indeed! In which Citizen Melville is concerned?" Why, father, you are losing your wits."

"I saw you yesterday in the courtyard talking to the bitterest opponent of the Republic; I saw his face, could almost read his thoughts; and you were encouraging his hopes, whatever they were. But he shall go to the scaffold-to-morrow. I have spoken to Fouquier-Tinville; and that is all you have done for him."

Marie sighed and leaned against the window.

"The scaffold! All that is good and noble goes to the scaffold. You will leave no one worth living with. The poor man wanted me to convey a letter [took all the credit whenever he and

Laroche compared notes about services to the Republic.]

"Thank you. It is a lie; you said you would do what he wished."

"Since you know so well that you call me a liar, why, there is no more to be said."

"This is a great occasion, then?"

"Yes. Do you know the Cercle des Boutons Blancs?"

"There are clubs in every tavern," said Laroche. "I could give you a list as long as the Rue St. Martin."

"But the Boutons Blancs?"

"What of it, monsieur?"

"Do you know it?"

"I know every club and every coffee-house in Paris, Jacobins, Royalists, financial, atheistic, the Noirs, the Woolen Caps, the Ladies, the Liberal, the Voltaire, the Pikes. What would you, monsieur? Is it to interrogate the police or to employ its most responsible agent?"

"You are right, Laroche; it is better to appear wise than to confess your ignorance. I will tell you all about the Buttons. This is their insignia."

He handed a white button, set in rich gold, to Laroche, who turned it over and gave it back to Grébaud.

"You are a fool, Marie, a fool; you will lose your head. If you continue your intrigues it is not possible that you can escape—"

"Unless you help me; I will not help you."

"Yes, you will, once—only once."

"Above the Queen herself I love the Citoyenne Mathilde de Fournier. If I could snatch the Queen from the clutches of Fouquier-Tinville I would."

"Sacré nom! I must not listen to you."

"You shall! I am your daughter, I love you," and she flung her arms about his neck.

"What would you do for me if some wretch forced me to marry him against my will, or forced me without marriage; me, your child, your only child?"

"Laroche bent over it."

"I know the place," said Laroche; "it was originally a monastic establishment. It is in the midst of crooked streets and passages has three approaches, would require sets of earth-stoppers as they hunt vermin. It is easy to burrow in the monastery of the Cercle des Boutons Blancs. There are galleries above and below, and many exits."

"To-night there will be a full muster. They meet to console with each other on the failure of a plan to rescue the Queen."

"I frustrated it," said Laroche, though he had done nothing of the kind.

You were acquainted with the plot and did not take me into your confidence?"

"You are a busy man," said Laroche, "and Paris is full of plots and plotters."

Laroche, it is true, had received some vague intelligence that had made him watchful, and he had suggested extra precautions to hold the Queen beyond all possibility of any attempt at rescue."

The chief of the Buttons is one Melville, the very man who is a regular at the Café de la Régence, and a regular at the Conciergerie.

"I have discussed him with the Citoyenne Mathilde, who plays chess with him and finds in his conversation a decided royalist tendency."

"Well, monsieur?"

"How make you?"

"By asking me difficult questions. I will put on my hat."

"A good thing Fournier is not alive to warn the citoyenne, his wife, of the secret place in the wainscot of her boudoir," thought Laroche, as he smiled, with grim approval of a plan to overhear Marie's interview with the prisoner of the Hotel de Fournier.

CHAPTER XL.

GRÉBAUD AND LAROCHE IN COUNCIL.

At the entrance of the hotel a messenger on horseback called Laroche by name.

Laroche turned to receive a letter.

"Come to me at once," he read above the signature of Grébaud.

"Enter!" said Marie.

Laroche walked in. Melville's back was towards him.

"Then, mademoiselle, we shall say two miniatures, if you please; Robespierre and Danton, the saviours of France.

"Thank you, citizen. You are a generous patron."

"Not so generous as you think. Your price must be less, mademoiselle, in proportion, for the two. But we will discuss that later."

Then, turning round, he saw Laroche.

"Citizen Laroche!" he said. "How do you do, monsieur? If it is not too early, a pinch of snuff?"

"Thank you, Citizen Melville," said Laroche, dipping his thick fingers into Melville's well-welled box, and at the same time looking at Marie with a suspicious twinkle in his deep-set eyes.

"You rarely patronise the Café de la République now-a-days," said Melville.

"No time for café," said Laroche; "too busy with prisons."

"There are rumours of a conspiracy to rescue the Queen," said Melville.

"The Queen," said Laroche. "And who may she be?"

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Among the works of the celebrated musician chosen for performance on the occasion are his "Te Deum," the anthems for choir and orchestra, "Praise the Lord, O my soul," "Sing unto the Lord," and "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem;" and for choir and organ, "O, all ye people," "Remember not, Lord," "Thou knowest, Lord," and "O, give thanks." The ceremonial will also include the placing of wreaths upon the master's tomb by the Dean, who will also give an address.

Purcell's bi-centenary commemoration by the Royal College of Music will take the form of a performance by the students of his opera, "Dido and Ennas," on Wednesday afternoon, at the Lyceum Theatre, kindly lent for the purpose by Mr. Forbes Robertson. The work will be conducted by Prof. Stanford, and the stage will be in the charge of Mr. Richard Temple.

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The audience filling Mr. Chudleigh's theatre last Monday, who laughed with such continual enjoyment through the revival of "The Rivals," must have found it a problem play in respect, at any rate, of the puzzling question—how it came about that a comedy giving cause for such unalloyed merriment to themselves and their fathers before them could have proved the comparative failure it stands recorded to have been on its first production? Possibly, like a mountain, its very bigness prevents the play from being seen while so near it, requiring as it did the perspective of time—distance to lend that enchantment to the view which ultimately came and lasts on to our own day, until both in "The Rivals" and in Sheridan's masterpiece, "The School for Scandal," which followed it, we respectfully acknowledge a dual standard of excellence in dramatic art and humour by which not only comedies but comedians are put to proof and finally estimated in respect of their highest gifts and accomplishments. This test was freely applied to the latest and more or less new representatives of Sheridan's creations on Monday. The crown and top of sovereignty in the cast, by far the meise of its historic quality, the Sir Anthony Absolute of Mr. W. Farren, was a figure with which old players present had been happily made well acquainted by previous revivals, notably that seen at the Vaudeville under the régime of James and Thorne. Riper and richer not only in its exuberant humour, but in faithful depiction of the dawning manners and formal courtesies of a century since, the irascible yet none the less kindly old autocrat lives and moves before us through ever varying shades of characteristic expression given through indicative play of face and gesticulation as well as tone of voice. The present writer, vividly recalling Mr. Farren's father as Sir Anthony, is convinced that the son's presentation, by reason of his more distinct enunciation of the text, is of the two the more perfect. Sir Anthony Absolute is to be played, while Mrs. Malaprop, with her irresistibly ludicrous perversions of language, goes fair to play herself. Yet, with this advantage to start with, the character, funny as it was made by Mrs. John Wood, lacked the fine artistic truthfulness to eighteenth century tone and manners which distinguished the Sir Anthony. Mrs. Wood not only missed the artificial stately grace of the past age, but, if we may say so, misread the character of Mrs. Malaprop altogether by making her almost a suburban middle-class vulgarian of to-day; whereas there not a hint in the text that among the aristocratic gentry whose intimate friend she is, the bare-brained lady occupies a lower social rank than any one of themselves. Mrs. Malaprop, as played by Mrs. Glover, and long after her time by Mrs. Stirling, was simply a silly gentlewoman, educated so far as she could be, like others of her class, as shown by her command of polite words never used or even known to illiterate people, at any rate, of that period. Her failing consequent upon her weak, orderless brain is solely in the confused use of these fine words for others of similar sound conveying quite correctly the sense of what she means to say. A protest must be made to the gags interpolated not only into the part of Mrs. Malaprop, but of that also of Bob Acres by Mr. Arthur Williams, whose comic terror in the duel scene was of the kind known as low as opposed to eccentric comedy. However funny, there was no illusion in this actor's flight; it was the pretence of fear, not the seeming reality. A portrayal, worthy in its sincerity if not in its variety to rank with the Sir Anthony, was seen and welcomed in the Sir Lucius O'Trigger of Mr. Brandon Thomas. Unlike nearly all his predecessors, even the best of them, in the character, this accomplished comedian presented Sir Lucius not like a rollicking Paddy in fine clothes, but as a polished man of high life, the compeer in elegance and deportment of the other beau of Bath. This distinction was imparted without the slightest abatement of the raciness of Hibernian humour which found utterance in the light-hearted, suave, mellifluous, provincial speech of the Irish gentleman, never lapsing into the broad brogue of the Irish peasant. Mr. Sydney Brough, though wanting somewhat of the tone of the time, gave a manly and sympathetic portrayal of the gallant Captain Absolute, who is his own rival as Beverley. By the way, how many persons in the audience recognise that it is this single character in his dual capacity which gives the play its title of "The Rivals." Other well-played parts, in their lesser degree true to the good old tradition of the English comedy of manners, were the David of Mr. W. Cheeseman and the Lucy of Miss Maria Hudspeth. Of the actresses who played Lydia Languish and Julia, Miss Nancy Noel—so charming in small parts—and Miss Violet Raye, nothing commendatory can be said; nor was Mr. Soden other than colourless as the jealous Faulkland. Thanks are due to Mr. Henry Neville for his artistic work as stage manager, to Mr. T. W. Hall for his beautiful and correct scenery; notably the picture-like closing scene of Bath, viewed from the "King's Head." The costumes and wigs, also perfect to a curl of the wig and a buckle of the shoe, helped to give unity to the general artistic presentation of the revival.

OUTLYING THEATRES.

Messrs. Shirley and Landeck's Anglo-French drama, "A Lion's Heart," proved highly successful on its production at the Lyric, Hammersmith, at the beginning of the week, and good audiences have been the rule. For the smooth working of the stage arrangements Mr. J. M. East is to be commended, while the popular stock company was on this occasion increased by the engagement of one or two newcomers, notably Mr. Charles Glenney, who resumed his part of Pierre Riardo, the wild beast tamer. This and Gaspard Dobré are the principal roles in this exciting story of French penal settlements, and very powerfully were they presented by Mr. Glenney and Mr. J. F. Dryden, and support coming from Miss Amy McNeill, Miss Leah Marborough, Mr. Pearson, Mr. T. Taylor, Mr. J. M. East, Mr. H. Ashford, and others. In consequence of its success, "A Lion's Heart" will be kept in the bill for another six nights. The arrangements for the ensuing week at other outlying playhouses are as follows:—Grand, "The Derby," Winner; "Surry," "A Tale of the Thames," Standard; "Little Christopher Columbus," Metropole; "The Shop Girl," (second week); Britannia; "The World's Verdict," Pavilion; "The Fatal Card," Parkhurst; "La Cigale," Stratford; "A Gaiety Girl," Sadler's Wells; "The Bells of Vernavale," and varieties; Greenwich; "A Guilty Mother," and Kilburn; "The Case of Bebelious Susan," and Kilburn; "The Case of Bebelious Susan."

VARIETY ENTERTAINMENTS.

At the end of the ensuing week the Moth Minstrels will temporarily vacate the Agricultural Hall, Messrs. Francis and Hunter having arranged to open at the Elephant and Castle on the 25th inst.—Special entertainments will be given at the Washington on Thursday and Friday next for the benefit of Mrs. G. W. Moore, who has generously arranged these events with a view to raising funds for the benefit of the poor of Battersea.—Miss Lois Fuller's saltatory novelty will be disclosed at the Palace on Monday.—The Eastern Empire, Bow, will shortly be re-opened under the management of Mr. Henri Clark.—At the Paragon next

week Mr. Cast Herzl will introduce his ingenious illusion, "After the Flood," and the Boisett Trouv will revive their diverting pantomime, "The Wild West."—On Tuesday next there will be an attractive programme presented at the Royal Holloway, in honour of the 50th anniversary of the opening of this popular resort.—The successful military sketch, "Drummed Out," will be produced at the Star, Bermondsey, next week, with Mr. A. C. Lilly in his original character.

CANTERBURY.

On Thursday afternoon a wrestling bout between the French and Turkish champions respectively Paul Pons and Memish attracted a large audience at the Canterbury. So many attempts have been made to bring these champions together that it is to be regretted that the time did not admit of the superiority of one or other of the contestants being finally settled. The conditions of the match were the best two out of three falls, the first bout to be in the Greco-Roman style, and the second according to catch-as-can rules. The men took up their positions at 3.15, but as at 6 o'clock neither had gained a fall, the curtain had to be put between them and the onlookers. Paul Pons is 31 years of age, 6ft. 7in. in height, and weighs 19 stone; while Memish is 32 years of age, 6ft. in height, and 17 stone in weight. If they elect to renew the contest it would perhaps be advisable to commence about 9 o'clock in the morning.

TEMPLE, HAMMERSMITH.

The Meers, Acton Phillips have certainly done all that is possible to make their music hall attractive to the inhabitants of the neighbourhood in which it is situated. Quite recently the hall was redecorated throughout, and the artistic colourings having "toned down," the new scheme of decoration cannot fail to give pleasure to those who patronise this prosperous Hammersmith resort. Contributing to the entertainment here this week is Mr. Tom Leamore, a comedian and dancer with a humour peculiarly his own. Whether Mr. Leamore sings "The Football Match," "My Intended," or indulges in eccentric dance, he is always entertaining and mirth provoking. Highly amusing, too, is the burlesque conjuring of Messrs. Walton and Lester, whose comical "make up" would alone ensure their success, one of the twain sporting a jet of gas as a shirt front ornament. In contrast to these drollies may be mentioned Miss Kate Geraldine, a ballad singer who happily knows what music hall audiences best like in the way of sentimental songs, and thus wins applause for her artistic rendering of "Queen of the Earth," "Maud," and "Love me once again." The Mozarts combine music and fun with the best results; the Four Aubreys merrily enact an amusing farce; and the serio-comic essays of Miss Daisy de Roy give every satisfaction.

CONCERTS OF THE WEEK.

Since Queen's Hall was opened, Mr. Robert Newman has been responsible for many excellent schemes tending to elevate popular taste in regard to orchestral and choral performances, and in this good work the efforts of the Queen's Hall choir have played a by no means unimportant part. This pains-taking association of ladies and gentlemen has now entered upon its third season, and the way in which three difficult compositions were presented at the first concert on Wednesday evening proves that the singers are now reaping the benefits of past experience and continued study. Mr. Alberto Randegger may not be an ideal conductor, but on the whole he kept his forces well in hand during the presentation of Mendelssohn's "Athalia" and "Walpurgis Night," and Beethoven's "Choral Fantasy." For some reason or other the latter seemed to miss much of its usual impressive effect, although the choir sang well, and Mademoiselle Thuidem, Emily Squire, and Marian McKenzie, with Messrs. McKay and Ludwig, were among the principal vocalists. Miss Sybil Palmer, who was at the piano, played with cold correctness, and the whole performance lacked warmth. Far different was the rendering of "Athalia," in which the ladies already mentioned took part. The chorus entered fully into the spirit of the thing, and Mr. Richard Temple made an eloquent and impressive reader, investing with all dignity lines which might easily be rendered tame, and at times even oily. A large audience testified appreciation of excellent efforts, and a still bigger attendance may be expected at the performance of "Samson" on Dec. 11.

BREACH OF PROMISE CASE.
Mr. Aquit has been retained for the defendant by Sir G. Lewis in the breach of promise action brought by Miss Watkins, professionally known as Birdie Sutherland, against the Hon. Dudley Marjoribanks, which has been entered for trial in the Queen's Bench Division, before a special jury. It is understood, however, that efforts are being made to settle the case out of court.

QUEER CHARACTER IN A POLICE COURT.

The Harlesden magistrates had before them on Thursday a curious character in the person of a man of colour named Stanley Austin, who was charged with being a suspected person. The other night he went into a house at Willesden and frightened the female inhabitants by his strange behaviour. When the master of the house returned home he found prisoner in the kitchen and asked him what he was doing. Prisoner only smiled and remarked that he "knew nuffin"; walked out of the house and escaped. He was however captured but at the police court laughed comically through the whole of the proceedings and when he was remanded collapsed upon the floor of the dock in fits of laughter. On Thursday a certificate was produced from the prison doctor at Holloway to the effect that the prisoner was insane, and he was sent to the workhouse till a place could be found for him.

STARVED TO DEATH.

On Tuesday, Dr. Westcott held an inquest at Shorehead on Joseph Austin, 48, rag and bone sorter. On Sunday deceased was found unconscious and in a nude state in a disused cellar at White Conduit-street, Pentonville, and he died soon afterwards in the Holborn Union Infirmary.—T. Austen deposed that deceased was his brother, and witness used to employ him. Witness failed three months ago, and since that time deceased had had no work. On Nov. 7 he came to witness's house, and had his dinner and left shortly after, saying he would call on the following morning. As he did not call witness concluded he had found a job somewhere.—It was further stated in evidence that the cellar was quite open, and was often used by destitute men and women.—Verdict, death from starvation and exposure.

ACCIDENT IN HUNTING FIELD.

Whilst hunting with the North Stafford Hounds, which met at Norton, Capt. Wood, 36th Camerons, died from a heart attack. During the fast ride he became unconscious, and the hounds ran over the railings in Breton Wood, the rider coming a "cropper." Capt. Wood was badly kicked about the face and head. He became unconscious, losing a great quantity of blood. His hat was staved in and rent, thus doubtless saving his life. Capt. Wood was removed to Capt. Stainer's Button House, and medical aid from Marks' Drayton was summoned. Some days must elapse before the doctor will be able to tell the exact accident will terminate.

The funeral of Lieut.-gen. W. A. Fyffe took place on Thursday at Kingwood, near Epsom, the first part of the burial office being performed by Rev. Dr. Ridgeway, formerly Dean of Glasgow.

CYPRICIAN REMEDIES are the most wonderful skin cures, blood purifiers, and humour remedies ever compounded. They may be used on the youngest infant and most delicate invalids, gratis, and with entire safety. Special entertainments will be given at the Washington on Thursday and Friday next for the benefit of Mrs. G. W. Moore, who has generously arranged these events with a view to raising funds for the benefit of the poor of Battersea.—Miss Lois Fuller's saltatory novelty will be disclosed at the Palace on Monday.—The Eastern Empire, Bow, will shortly be re-opened under the management of Mr. Henri Clark.—At the Paragon next

further confirmed good opinions. We are still far from admitting that his playing is anything phenomenal, but it must be confessed that in the rendering of Beethoven's Concerto he proved himself more than ever an artist of great promise, and one who has fortunately kept himself free from any suspicion of cheap effects or sensationalism.

THE KILDARE DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

The amateur troupe known to the Bayswater and Westbourne districts under the above title gave a performance on Monday night at the Bijou Theatre, Archer-street. As usual, the entertainment was well attended, and the performers shone at all events,

but they had conscientiously striven to benefit from the coaching of Mr. Henri Baehr, the manager. Not altogether without success either, both the pieces staged, "The Artist's Model," and "Honour Without Wealth," drew down plenty of applause from all parts of a crowded house, and with more practice to eliminate "stage fright" from some members of the company, the Kildare should come out fairly level with the best amateur talent in the suburbs.

A change in the play bill of the Adelphi may be looked for in a few days' time, when on or about the 22nd inst., "The Swordsman's Daughter" is expected to give place to the new military drama by George Seymour (Messrs. George Edwards and Seymour Hicks) to be called "A British Soldier."

The price paid by the new syndicate for the site of Her Majesty's Theatre, at the foot of the Haymarket, is £150,000. The highest bid at the auction last year, from which the property was withdrawn, was £140,000.—Mr. Henry Arthur Jones has somewhat tardily given public denial to the current rumour that he intends to drop his patrician and to be known henceforth as Mr. Henry Arthur.

—It is now finally decided that the new play to follow "Her Advocate" at the Duke of York's Theatre shall be Mr. Fergus Hume's new comedy, entitled "The Fool of the World." As an alternative to be put on when required, Messrs. Cartwright and Dana have a new American drama called "The Cruel Law."—At a Royalty matinee to be given on Dec. 3 in aid of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the burlesque conjuring of Messrs. Mountjoy and Bourchier, called "Mr. and Mrs. Bourchier," will play in a new dialogue by Messrs. Mountjoy and Bourchier, called "Mr. and Mrs. Bourchier,"—A new curtain raiser called "An Old Garden," by Mr. Hill Davies, preceded by "Miss Brown" at Terry's on Tuesday. The old, old as the hills, of a romantic girl disillusionised regarding an old sweetheart who finds a mate for life in her bosom friend, while she herself discovers a worthier lover in the dweller next door to her "old garden," is told with direct dramatic skill and point, and acted for all it is worth by the Misses Mona Oram and Doris Templeton, Messrs. W. J. Robertson and John Buckstone, diverting dramatic performances, varied with vocal music grave and gay, is just now being given under the title of "The Bond Andrews' Entertainment" at the Kensington Town Hall, the performers being former members of the German Reed Company led by that popular favourite, Miss Leonard Graham. A noteworthy feature in the pleasant diversion is the comic monologue entitled "How to Please the Musical Ear," given with his quaint original humour by Mr. Arthur Holmes, who is again seen to advantage as a Cockney pretender in the farcical operetta, "Mr. Fitz." The whole show, tasteful and exhilarating as it was, drew laughter and applause from the visitors occupying the hall.

—The ladies' bicycle races, which commence on Monday next at the Aquarium, are attracting an enormous amount of attention. A track around the main hall has been laid at a cost of £400, and no expense or pains is being spared to make the contests, which are to last a fortnight, a magnificent success. The best English lady riders have entered, and some of the finest lady bicyclists in France.

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LAST WEEK'S ITEMS.

A fire occurred last week at Mr. Waddon's in Preston's-road, Poplar, and considerable damage was done.

Another serious fire broke out in Bayley-street, Cogardie, on Saturday, and many places of business were destroyed, including the Union Bank offices.

A semi-official contradiction is given to the statement that representations had been made by the Russian Minister at Bucharest regarding the foreign policy of the Liberal-Bouman Cabinet.

A dinner was given last week at Berlin to Admiral Knorr, Commander-in-Chief of the German Navy, to celebrate the anniversary of the victory gained in 1870 by the German Meteor over the French Bouvier. The Emperor sent a congratulatory telegram.

At Teignmouth last week the council discussed the widening of Brimley-road, and it resolved to put in force the Lands Consolidation Clauses. The owner will not give the land up, and a Government inquiry will be held.

Mr. Andrews, senior alderman of Reading, died under and circumstances. He was proceeding to the council chamber to propose the re-election of the mayor, when he was seized with a fit, and died shortly after his removal home.

Louis Tavernier, who carried the colours of the Black Watch in the Crimea, and was severely wounded at the Alma, has died in Leeds. After leaving the army he became a journalist, a novelist, and writer on trade topics for the press.

An inquest was held at Heywood on Robert Cleare. Cleare left home recently without having been any quarrel and without saying where he was going, and nothing further was heard about him until his body was found in the canal.—Found dead.

An inquest was held at Dudley on Samuel Willits of Netherton, who had been found dead. Deceased and his wife were heard quarrelling on Nov. 7, and on the following morning he was found dead at the bottom of the stairs. His neck was broken. Open verdict.

At Romiley, near Halewood, a girl named Hill met with a terrible death. Deceased's clothes ignited near the fire. She ran into the street in flames and a strong wind prevailing, she was roasted and died from shock. At the inquest the verdict was accidental death.

George Church, butcher, Wednesbury, was arrested at Cardiff on a charge of embezzling money belonging to George Pippett. Church had experienced difficulties. Pippett sympathised with him, and appointed him manager of a business, and it is alleged he absconded with the takings.

The French Minister of the Colonies has received a telegram from the Governor-general of French Indo-China stating that the gunboat La Grandiere has succeeded in passing the rapids of Tangho, and has now ascended the Mekong as far as Hung-Sen.

At Bristol on Saturday, Wm. Joseph King, 14, was charged with stealing a cape. He struck his sister, snatched her cap, and sold it for 4d. He had previously embezzled 10s. from his employers, while his mother could do nothing with him. He was sent to the Akbar training ship, Birkenhead, for 4 years.

A great sensation has been caused at Rochdale by the arrest at Queenstown of J. W. Taylor, of Oldham and Rochdale, on a charge of embezzling money belonging to the Exchange Loan Company, of which he was manager. Taylor was for three years president of the Rochdale Cricket Club, and took great interest in athletics.

At Bath last week a man and wife named Rossiter were each sentenced to three months' hard labour for cruelty to their children, of which there were eight, two of whom, being dumb, were kept in a dreadful state of filth and dirt, and were in a starving condition. An order was made for the whole of the children to be sent to the workhouse.

Shopbreakers were busy in Shefield during Friday night. Four shops in West Bar were raided, access in each case being gained by the roof. On the police being informed detectives visited the common lodgings, and two men named Woodward and Lomas were arrested. Stolen money, sweets, and tea were found on them. Remanded.

An inquest was held at Tipton on Josiah Wessel, miner, who had been killed at the Moat Colliery. Deceased was employed in the workings as a horse driver, and by some means got wedged between a tub of coal and a side of coal. He was found crushed, and upon being removed to the surface expired.

A groom named Price was remanded, charged with bigamy. Prisoner separated from his first wife after living with her but a few weeks, and shortly after is alleged to have gone through the form of marriage with another woman. This is the third charge of bigamy brought against Gloucesterians within three weeks.

The report of dredging operations on the Manchester Ship Canal were about to be partially suspended solely on the score of economy is denied. The night shift has been taken off because the work is so well in hand that the company find themselves able to do without it. The navigable depth of the canal was not in any way interfered with.

At Shefield, an inquest was held on John W. Unwin, aged 21, lately employed at High Hazel Colliery. He was guiding a horse in the pit so as to avoid one of the supports of the screen, when the animal suddenly swerved, and deceased was pinned against the wooden upright by the cart. His chest was crushed, and death ensued immediately.

Verdict, accidental death.

It is reported from Havana that the insurgent leader, Gomez, has addressed a circular letter to all the leaders of insurgent bands in which he orders them to destroy all the property of persons who do not contribute to the rebellion fund. The mafioso chief, Maceo, is also exacting enormous contributions from the "land" proprietors under the threat of destroying sugar plantations.

At Portsmouth on Saturday Ralph Goodwin was remanded on a charge of fraud. It was alleged he stayed at a Southsea hotel, representing himself as a third officer in the Allan Line, and hearing that the head waitress was going to the "ape," promised to get her a cheap passage. She paid 4s. for the passage and 4s. He decamped, but was arrested at Liverpool, just leaving for America.

In memory of the visit paid to Hamburg by Sir D. Currie last summer in the Tantallon Castle, some friends and admirers of Sir Donald have decided to present him with a souvenir of the occasion in the form of a splendidly bound album of views of Hamburg, and of the opening of the Kaiser Wilhelm Canal. Herr Ferdinand Kugelmann will present the gift personally to Sir D. Currie in the course of the week.

PATTERN OF GIRL'S SMART COSTUME GIVEN AWAY WITH THE CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

THE CHILDREN'S BOOKS ARE ALSO AN Extra Supplement of Evening Costumes for Children. Illustrations of Various Costumes for Children, and Valuable Advice to Mothers. All Newspaper price 1d., by post 2s. Mrs. LEADEN, 2, Joscelyn's Court, Fleet-street, London, E.C. 4d.

EVENING COSTUME.

THE LATEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE REMEDY IS HABE'S GOUT AND RHEUMATIC PILLS, WHICH GIVE INSTANT RELIEF AND EFFECT A RAPID CURE IN THE DISEASES OF THE URINARY ORGANS. A MINISTER IS IN POSSESSION OF A GUARANTEED REMEDY.

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ANOTHER MILLINERY SCHOOL CASE.

At Marlborough-street Police Court on Saturday, Martha Bowman, 43, dressmaker, Conduit-street, W., and William Hamilton, 40, baker, Holloway-road, were charged with conspiring together to obtain and obtaining by false pretences and with intent to defraud, £10 from Harry Wedge, £10 lbs. from Ellen Young, £5 lbs. from Alice Head, and £5 lbs. from Margaret May Briera.—The evidence of the prosecutrix was to the effect that in consequence of advertisements which they inserted in different newspapers they got into correspondence with the defendants, eventually entering their service upon the representation of Madame Bowman that the business was an excellent one, and paying the various sums for tuition in the trade. The concern was carried on under the name of "The Artistic Dressmaking Company Limited." A salary was promised after a certain period, but when the time arrived upon for payment arrived various excuse were made and no money was forthcoming. The food was very bad and insufficient, and on one occasion they were turned out for three weeks. No business was done and they learned nothing. There were altogether about 30 young women and a young Frenchman who had paid various sums of money to be taught millinery, the Frenchman having parted with £20 for this purpose. When arrested in Conduit-street by Det.-supt. Collins, the female prisoner said, "Mr. Hamilton has not had a cent of the money." He is the chairman of the company, and often comes here. He is a confectioner and has supplied goods to the company. I have been expecting this for some time. Who has been trying to get me to move. He has sold me up, and the other day cut off the gas about dinner-time, when we were cooking. Ever since that affair over the way, where two persons were locked up, trading as Adelaine and Company, the girls have treated me very badly. I have been unable to do anything with them. I am sure I had no intent to defraud." Producing a book, she said, "You will find an account there of the money received and expended." At the police-station she said, "I have committed no fraud." Det.-supt. Fuller said that when he arrested the male prisoner at Holloway-road, a confectioner's shop, he said that he had known "Madame" Bowman only 12 months. It was true he was chairman of the company and knew that it was not a financial success. Madame always assured him that the pupils were properly taught.—Remanded, bail in £20.

COUNTY OF LONDON SESSIONS.

(Before Mr. Loveland-Loveland.)

AN ACQUITTAL.—Joseph John Hough, landlord of the Prince Alfred, Queen's-road, Bayswater, was indicted for having assaulted Edith Annie Matthews.—After hearing the evidence of the prosecutrix, the jury stopped the case, and returned a verdict of not guilty.

On the verdict being given there was an applause in court, which was at once suppressed.

FRAUD ON MESSRS. SHOOLBRED.—Wm. Radcliffe, 41, described as a clerk in holy orders, was charged with obtaining by false pretences from Messrs. Shoobred and Co. writing case and other articles; also with incurring a debt to the amount of £51. 12d. by false pretences, and with intent to defraud.—Mr. Grain, in opening the case for the prosecution, said that the prisoner on or about the 20th Aug. sent a letter to Messrs. Shoobred and Co., of Tottenham Court-road, requesting that a price-list should be sent to him at an address in East Farley, Kent. One was sent, and the prosecutor then received a letter from Radcliffe ordering a prayer-book and hymn book. A courteous letter was sent to the prisoner saying that they could not send the goods unless a remittance or a London reference was received. A day or two afterwards he called upon the prosecutors, and on informing them that 2 years ago he had an account with them when living at Wyburn-villas, Surbiton-hill, an apology was offered to the accused, who was asked if he would take the articles away. At first he demurred, but afterwards assented, taking other articles in addition to the prayer and hymn books. The learned counsel said it would be proved that the prisoner never had an account with them, and that 2 years ago he had not resided at Wyburn-villas, Surbiton-hill, although it was true accus'd's wife lived there, but she had been separated from the prisoner for the last 18 years. Radcliffe made several calls upon the prosecutors, each time ordering the articles and taking them away with him. On 2 occasions he ordered diamond rings, and the same day he obtained them they were pawned. Witnesses were called, who bore out counsel's opening statement.—Prisoner able defend himself, and in a lengthy address to the jury sought to show that he had not obtained the goods by false pretences; but the jury convicted him.—Mr. Grain said the prisoner was an unbroken priest, and in 1883 he had an account with Messrs. Shoobred in the name of the Rev. Radcliffe, at some place in Somerset. That had been discovered since these proceedings, and the account has never been paid. He had been separated from his wife for 17 or 18 years. In 1883 he was chaplain to Mr. Blackwood, near Faversham. Whilst there he obtained goods from a jeweller and a side of coal. He was found crushed, and upon being removed to the surface expired.

A groom named Price was remanded, charged with bigamy. Prisoner separated from his first wife after living with her but a few weeks, and shortly after is alleged to have gone through the form of marriage with another woman. This is the third charge of bigamy brought against Gloucesterians within three weeks.

On Saturday, Annie Griffin, 35, wife of an official employed at Euston Station, drank some carbolic acid and was taken to the University College Hospital, where she died from the effects of the poison.

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In aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children a drawing-room meeting was held last week at Wimbleton, at the residence of Mr. T. C. Giles, M.P., when addresses were delivered by the Rev. B. Waugh and Mr. Giles.

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THE VOLUNTEERS.

19TH MIDDLESEX.

The members of the County of this corps (Capt. G. Andrew) decided on the rifle ranges at Child's Hill for the purpose of competing for the handicap series of prizes. The following were the principal winners:—

THE PEOPLE, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1895.

HAYMARKET THEATRE.—Mr. TREE.
Role Lessee and Manager.
EVERY EVENING, at 8.30 precisely.
TICKETS, 1/-.
MATINEE, every Wednesday and Saturday
Until further notice, at 2.30 p.m.
Box-office (Mr. Armand), open 10 to 12.
—HAYMARKET.

LYCEUM.
Lessee, Henry Irving.
Under the management of Mr. Forbes Robertson and
Mr. Edward Harrison.
EVERY DAY, except Saturday.
MONDO AND JULIE.—Mr. FORBES ROBERTSON.
EDWARD.—Mr. EDWARD HARRISON.
JULIET.—Mrs. PATRICK CAMPBELL.
Box-office (Mr. J. Hurst) 10.00 to 8.00.—LYCEUM.

ST. JAMES'S.—Mr. GEORGE ALEXANDER,
Role Lessee and Manager.
EVERY EVENING, at 8.15.
LITTLE ST. JAMES'S HALL.—
By R. C. Carton.
Box-office (Mr. Armand) open 10.00 to 12.
MATINEE, WEDNESDAY NEXT, at 2.30.
—ST. JAMES'S.

ADEPHI THEATRE.

Role Proprietor and Manager, Messrs. A. AND S. GATTI.
EVERY DAY, except Saturday.
THE SWOEDMAN'S DAUGHTER.—By Messrs. Brandon Thomas and Clement Scott. Mr. William G. Chapman, Miss Alice Chapman, Mrs. Alice Chapman, Mr. G. Stanford, Vincent Sternday, Little Alice Chapman, Harry Abbott, Misses Anna, Emily, and Mabel Morton, Mr. Charles Morton.

PRINCESS'S THEATRE.—
Role Lessee and Manager, Mr. CHARLES WYNDHAM.
EVERY EVENING, at 7.30.—Early Doors, 4.5.
REVIVAL OF M. E. A. PAUL'S GREAT STRAND SUCCESS,
NIOBE.—
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SOHO TRAGEDY.

INQUEST AND VERDICT.

At St. Giles's Local Board Office Dr. Thomas resumed his inquest on Rose English, 22, who was found shot dead at Denmark-street, Soho, on Sept. 27. In the same room a medical student named Cyril Hewlett Dutta, a Hindu, with whom Rose English had been living, was found suffering from bullet-wounds in the head. Dutta attended the inquiry, having been brought from Holloway in charge of 2 warders—Mr. Humphreys, who appeared on behalf of Dutta, said he did not intend to allow his client to give evidence. —Ann Callan, chambermaid at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, not attended, and deposed that between Sept. 16 and 22 last Dutta and deceased occupied room at the hotel under the names of Mr. and Mrs. Hewlett. On one occasion witness heard them quarrelling in their bed-room, and the woman made a remark in a rather loud voice. Mr. Dutta then replied in angry tones, "If you say that again I will shoot you dead." Witness identified the portrait produced as being that of deceased.—Kate Oak, nurse at the Castle Hotel, said she also heard the couple quarrelling on one occasion. She heard deceased say, "I will shoot myself," and all the men and the women first. Dutta then replied in a loud voice, "If you say that again I will shoot you." The quarrel appeared to be about another man—Dr. Brown, re-called, was questioned by Mr. Humphreys with regard to the bullet-wounds found on the deceased. He said they might have been self-inflicted, or they might have been caused by some other person. He inclined to the opinion from the surroundings that it was a case of the woman shooting herself. Of course, there was the possibility that deceased might have consented, and allowed another person to shoot her.—Coroner: Do you think the wounds were inflicted in the position in which she lay? Oh yes; I judged that by the position of the lady, and by the bloodstains on the bed-clothing.—A jurymen: Do you think it would be possible for Dutta, after he had shot himself twice, to have placed the pistol on the left side of the deceased?—I think not. I think he shot himself as he lay on the outside of the bed.—Dr. Dawson, who accompanied Dr. Brown when the latter examined the body of the deceased, gave it as his opinion that the wounds were self-inflicted. Supposing they were inflicted by some other person, then it was his opinion that it must have been done with the consent of deceased.—Verdict, suicide.

ACCUSED BEFORE THE BENCH.

Cyril James Hewlett Dutta, 19, medical student, native of the Punjab, was on Wednesday for the third time before the magistrate at Marlborough-street, charged with having killed Rose English, by shooting her with a revolver, and with attempting to commit suicide by shooting himself.—The circumstances of the case have already been fully reported.—Mr. Gill said that he did not propose to take any further evidence that day, as he had not the depositions of the inquest before him.—Mr. Curtis Bennett: How is the man?—Mr. Humphreys said that he thought he was better now. He agreed with Mr. Gill's propositions, and asked the magistrate to allow Dutta his freedom on substantial bail.—Mr. Bennett objected to bail, and remanded prisoner for another week.

BURNING OF A YACHT.

In the Queen's Bench Division this week, before Justice Mathew and a special jury, the hearing of the case Herring v. Janson and others was again resumed. The action was brought by Mr. Wm. Conyers Herring, an American citizen, residing at Gordon Mansions, Huntley-street, against Mr. J. W. Janson and 26 other underwriters at Lloyd's to recover £2,000 on a policy of insurance effected on the schooner yacht Mohican, which was destroyed by fire at Southwick near Shoreham, on the morning of March 7 last. Defendants denied liability on the ground that they were induced to issue the policy by misrepresentations and concealment of material facts concerning the value of the yacht, and that the fire was caused by the plaintiff himself. Several professional witnesses were examined.—Mr. Reece, fire surveyor of the Liverpool, London, and Globe Fire Office, said that he examined the yacht on July 29, in company with Mr. Thwaites, and he agreed that the fire was not accidental, and that it had more than one source of origin.—Mr. Gustavus Pratt, of the firm of Cox and King, yacht brokers, stated that the Mohican was worth for sale £700 or £800. Mr. Bingham summed up the case for defendants. He said that it was obvious that the fire was the work of an incendiary, and it was almost impossible to suppose that the incendiary was anybody but plaintiff.—Sir F. Lockwood confirmed his address for plaintiff, and criticised the evidence given on behalf of defendants.—The jury returned a verdict for plaintiff on all issues for the amount claimed.—Judgment accordingly.

COLLIERY EXPLOSION AT ALFRETON.

LOSS OF SEVEN LIVES.

An explosion which occurred on Monday at the A Winning Pit of the Blackwall Colliery Company, near Alfreton, has turned out to be very serious. On Sunday night, or just after midnight, 23 men went down the pit. They were "dalliers," and their business was to get the pit ready to begin full work. The ventilation fan was working very slowly. A loud explosion took place at 4 a.m., about 200 yards from the pit bottom. The report was so loud that the inhabitants of the colony of colliers' houses near the pit were awakened. A party of officials, as soon as practicable, descended the mine, and the terrible nature of the explosion was then ascertained. The roadways were blocked with debris, and the rescuers were kept back by the fumes of after-damp. Presently the body of James Fryer, a collier, was discovered, and shortly afterwards the headless corpse of Joseph Renshaw was found beneath a heap of coal and rubbish. Two of the rescue party, overcome by the after-damp, had at this point to retreat, and the services of a medical man had to be requisitioned to restore them. Then there was a pause, owing to the difficulties which the rescuers had to encounter. The Inspector of Mines (Mr. Stokes) and his assistant were soon at the pit, and they headed a party that proceeded down the shaft. Soon all the bodies of the men who were unaccounted for were brought to the pit bottom. The names of the killed were: John Jones, 35, married, Blackwell; James Mee, 45, married, Blackwell; James Fryer, 45, married, Blackwell; John Gibson, 19, pony driver, Blackwell; W. Martin, 30, married, South Normanton; James Shaw, married, South Normanton; James Shaw, Sutton-in-Ashfield. All the other men who were in the pit at the time were saved. There is no doubt that the explosion was caused by coal gas. Men who were rescued said that the explosion was followed by a great rush of wind and coal dust, which was almost blinding in its force. The inquest has been opened, and adjourned. All the victims are members of a Miners' Fatal Accident Relief Society, and as the Blackwall Company have paid 12½ per cent on the men's contribution since the commencement of the society, each widow will receive a week for herself and 2s. 6d. per week for each child until it is able to work, together with 27 10s. for funeral expenses.

CHILD NEGLECT AT DEPTFORD.

Mr. Carttar, coroner for South-east Kent, held an inquiry at Deptford, with reference to the death of a child named Nellie Crook, the daughter of a labourer, living at Rowley-street, Deptford, who died under shocking circumstances on Oct. 31.—The mother said the child had been ill for a long time prior to her death. It had been attended by Dr. Hawkesworth and Dr. Cable for consumption of the bowels. Witness always gave it enough to eat. It was not insured.—William George Crook, the father, said the child had died from birth. Witness thought his wife looked after it, but he was out the greater part of the day and could not speak as to that. Witness's other children had not been to school for 3 months, because they were ill.—James Murton, inspector Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, said that, acting on instructions, he visited the house on Oct. 25. The whole family, consisting of father, mother, and 3 children, lived in one room. When witness went into the room he saw deceased with its mother. Its body was dirty and covered with vermin. Witness was shown an old bedstead, 4ft. 6in. long, in which the mother slept herself, her husband, and the 3 children slept. The bedding consisted of 3 sacks filled with shavings and 2 old pillows, which smelt very badly. There was no covering at all, and the mother said she had not got any. There was no food in the house, and when witness gave the baby some milk, it drank it greedily. On the following day witness called at the house again, and found the room in the same dirty condition. The child had not been taken to a doctor. The day afterwards witness again went to the house. The mother was then filthy. The society had summoned the parents in respect of the condition of the children.—Inspector Chown corroborated the previous witness, adding that the mother kept the child wrapped in an old rag. The room smelt terribly. The mother treated his visit as a joke, and laughed at him.—Dr. Hawkesworth said a post mortem examination showed that the body was emaciated, and weighed 13lb. 5oz., a little more than half the normal weight. The cause of death was bronchitis and malnutrition.—Jury returned a verdict of manslaughter against the mother, and asked the coroner to censure the father. The mother was afterwards arrested by the police, and formally charged at the Greenwich Police Court.

CONVICTION OF A CORONER'S OFFICER.

At the County of London Sessions, Newington (South Side), before Sir P. Edlin, Albert Arthur Broadbent, was found guilty of stealing the sum of 18s. 2d., the moneys of William Viles, also with stealing a revolver, value 25s., the goods of James Headon Powell, also with obtaining by false pretences from Harriet Hendry the sum of 5s. with intent to defraud. The facts of the case have been already reported. Prisoner was offered to Mr. Wyatt, coroner for the Streatham Division of Surrey.—Sentence postponed.

THE COMING BUDGET.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer was the principal guest at the Dolphin Society's Colston celebration at Bristol. In responding to the toast of her Majesty's Ministers, he said the general election had put a stop to the revolutionary and Socialist theories of the late Government, and the country had at length spoken in favour of sound and wise constitutional principles. The duty of Ministers was to carry out the policy entrusted to them of maintaining Imperial unity and fostering commerce. As to domestic affairs, the Government would carry out its promises to consider very carefully the position of voluntary schools and of the agricultural interest. It was within the reasonable bounds of possibility that next April he might present to Parliament such a statement as would enable him to meet the needs of the country without any increased taxation. This he believed, was the earliest forecast of a Budget that had ever been delivered by a Chancellor of the Exchequer.

ROYALTY IN THE CITY.

The King of Portugal paid a visit to the Mansion House on Tuesday, and was cheered by the people in the streets. At the Mansion House his Majesty was received by the Lord Mayor, who entertained him and a large and distinguished party at luncheon. Among the guests were Duke of Connaught, Prince Christian, Prince Henry Battenberg, Lord Salisbury, Cardinal Vaughan, Duke of Portland, Ambassadors of France, Germany, Russia, Austria-Hungary, and Spain. Minister for Portugal, and several foreign Ministers. The Lord Mayor proposed the health of the King, who responded in English, concluding by proposing the health of the Lord Mayor. In the evening his Majesty witnessed the performance at the Gaiety Theatre.

The Orleans family has purchased the property of the late Comte de Paris which was put up to auction. The only exceptions are the Château d'Amboise, at the Monguie Estate, in the Alps Maritimes.

The condition of Sir G. Elliot, who is lying seriously ill at Folkestone, was on Thursday declared to be unchanged.

EXPRESS TRAIN WRECKED.

LONDON PASSENGER KILLED.

An accident which resulted in the death of one passenger and serious injury to five others occurred early on Sunday at St. Neots Station on the G.N.E. A Scotch express from King's Cross, when approaching the station, was thrown off the line by the breaking of a rail after the engine had passed over it, the carriages coming into violent contact with the platform and afterwards with some coal wagons which were standing parallel with the down line in a siding. Two of the carriages were practically wrecked. Maj. Marin din, Board of Trade Inspector, together with the superintendent of the line and other officials, left King's Cross on Monday for the scene of the accident. After a thorough examination, the party returned to town at night. As far as can be ascertained the examination disclosed nothing to modify the official explanation of the cause of the mishap.—An inquest was held on Monday afternoon at St. Neots on Miss Louise Wade M'Neill O'Hara, 31, who was killed in the accident.—Mr. Barrs, solicitor to the G.N.E. Railway, said the directors desired to express sincere sympathy with the sufferers, and assured the jury that every information would be given to enable them to arrive at just conclusions.—Formal evidence was taken, and the inquest was adjourned until after the issue of the Board of Trade Report. The Queen has telephoned to Mrs. McGregor, injured in the accident, expressing sympathy with her at the death of her sister, and inquiring what progress towards recovery she is making. Mrs. McGregor is the widow of the late proprietor of the Invercauld Arms.

BRITISH HEROES.

The Indian Government has just erected a granite obelisk at Manipur to mark the place where those British officers were buried who were massacred there on March 24, 1891. Manipur lies in N.E. India, and joins Assam and Burmah. The state had long been protected by the British, but a dispute arose

between the 3 sons of Nar Singh, the maharaja at his death as to whom should succeed him. First one brother then another assumed the position, and being unable to agree, Mr. J.W. Quinton, Chief Commissioner of Assam, was directed to proceed with a sufficient force to Manipur and recognise the rights of Chandra Senghor, the heir apparent. On our troops arriving, the Mani pur opened fire on the back and front of the British Residency, and only ceased when their ammunition fell short. They then desired to enter into negotiations, which Mr. Quinton agreed to do, and took with him to the fort a number of officers unarmed and without escort to settle the terms. The party entered the fort and were seen no more. It was subsequently discovered that they were all foully massacred. Gen. Graham, shortly afterwards entered Manipur, blew up the palace, and the brothers all fled. The bodies of the English officers were exhumed, and those responsible for the murders were sentenced to death.

MANIPUR MONUMENT.

A FREE-BORN BRITON.

James Pine, 24, Bermondsey, was charged at Mansion House, with being concerned with another man in stealing a bag containing a bank book, 21 pawn tickets, and other property, belonging to George D. Ramsey, London Fields.—A policeman saw prisoner and another man on the Embankment. They were trying to open the bag. On the policeman speaking to them, the second man ran away.—Det. Martin had seen man like the prisoner enter the Black Lion public-house, Whitefriars-street, and on inquiry there it was ascertained that the bag belonged to George Dutton Ramsey, a printer.—Ramsey was called, but appeared to give his evidence in a very nonchalant manner. He stood in the witness box with his hands in his pockets leaning against the side of the box, and his replies to the questions were scarcely audible. He was told to wake up and this having no effect he was requested to stand.—Witness: I am standing up; what do you want?—Chief Clerk: Stand forward.—Witness (hanging his feet on the bench behind him) I don't know what you do want. Suppose I refuse; how then?—Witness having made a step forward, however, and when asked to describe the contents of the bag he said that he had done so once before—he did not know how many more times he had to do so. Being told to take the things out of the bag, the witness then remembered some of the contents, including a few pawn tickets.

Chief Clerk: Were there not 21?—Witness: Well, yes, there might be.—Prisoner was remanded for attendance of the lord-lieutenant of the house.

DEATH OF A REBEL.

From Grand Rapids, Michigan, the death is announced, at the age of 21, of Col. Benjamin Waite. He was leader of the Canadian rebellion of 1835, for his share in which he was sentenced to be hanged and quartered. On the petition of his wife the sentence was commuted to imprisonment for life in Van Dieman's Land. He succeeded in escaping, was wrecked on the coast of Brazil, and finally settled in the United States.

WESTMINSTER STABBING AFFRAY.

At Westminster Police Court, William Moody, 40, a thick-set, heavily-built man, described as a hot-chestnut seller, was placed in the dock before Mr. Sheil charged with attempting to murder Francis Lynch, lodging-house deputy, at St. Ann's-street, Westminster, by repeatedly stabbing him with a knife just after midnight on Nov. 9. The main facts of the case have appeared. The injured man is still in hospital.—Remanded. Enquiries made by our representative at Westminster Hospital, where the unfortunate man lies, elicited the fact that Lynch was slightly better, and hopes are now entertained that he will recover.

At Crewe Cheese Fair there was an average pitch and a much better demand, at prices from 5s. to 10s. advance in the prices at the last fair. Fine Cheshire, 50s. to 55s.; medium Cheshire, 40s. to 50s.; lower sorts, 35s. to 40s. per cwt.

CONSTABLE AND CABMAN.

SUSPENDED BY IDLENESS.

P.C. Walter Smith, 162, G. stationed at Old Luton, was summoned, at the Clerkenwell Police Court, on Tuesday, for assaulting John Lees, a cab-driver. Mr. H. Edmunds appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Ricketts for the defence.—The complainant said he arrived at his cabinary early in the morning of the 5th inst., when he was met by his wife and a friend named Newman, who was also a cabman. They walked along Charles-street, talking, in the direction of his home, when they met 2 policemen, one of whom was the defendant. It appears to be duty. Newman stepped into the road to allow them to pass, when defendant pushed violently against complainant, causing him to reel and knock his wife against some railings. Rather startled, he cried out, "Hello, what's the matter?" when the defendant turned round. The witness said, "I'll show you what's the matter," and struck him over the left eye, causing a severe mark. 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LAST WEEK'S
LAW AND POLICE.

BILL OF EXCHANGE TRANSACTION.—Justice Wright was engaged in hearing the peculiar case of Dennis v. Cadman and another.—This was an action brought by Mr. James Dennis, as endorser of a bill of exchange for £250, against Miss Anna Margaret Cadman and her sister, Miss Mary Letitia Cadman, who was respectively the acceptor and drawer of the bill. There was a third defendant, a Mr. Parker. The defendant ladies were daughters of the late Canon Cadman, and inherited shares of his estates. The defence raised was that Miss Anna Margaret Cadman was in a weak state of health—in fact, so mentally weak as to be incapable of transacting business affairs. It was stated that she accepted the bill not in the least knowing that she was doing so, and believing that she was acting as a witness.—Judgment for plaintiff for an amount agreed upon with 5 per cent. interest.

ACROSS THE PERSONAL INJURIES.—A Divisional Court of Queen's Bench, consisting of the Lord Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Grantham, heard the appeal of the defendants in the case of Price v. the South Metropolitan Gas Co. from the decision of the Lambeth County Court judge in an action brought by the plaintiff, a labourer, who was going across Southwark Bridge when an explosion occurred, he being blown into the air by an explosion in the roadway. Plaintiff sustained certain injuries, and the county court judge, after hearing the evidence, ordered judgment to be entered for him for £12, with costs upon the £20 scale.—Appeal dismissed with costs.

CHARGE OF PERJURY AGAINST A CLERGYMAN.—Mr. Spearman applied to a Divisional Court of Queen's Bench for a rule nisi for a writ of mandamus directed to the justices of Bishop Castle, in the county of Salop, and the Rev. Morgan Jones, to determine the matter of an information for perjury brought against the rev. gentleman, who is vicar of a neighbouring parish.—Mr. Spearman explained that the matter arose through two men named Higgs and Bowdler being convicted by the justices on the prosecution of Mr. Jones for killing game without a license. Mr. Jones, it appeared, gave evidence against the two men. The defendants gave notice of appeal to the next quarter sessions which will be held at the end of December, and Bowdler further laid an information against the rev. gentleman for perjury.—This information came before the justices, and the benches on each side were examined, when the justices inquired if Bowdler meant to go on with his appeal. Bowdler's solicitor replied that he had no instruction to the contrary, and thereupon the justices postponed giving their decision until after the Quarter Sessions, on the ground that the decision would prejudice the hearing of the appeal, and in doing so they did not bind either the prosecution or Mr. Jones to appear at any subsequent court.—Mr. Spearman submitted that the justices had no power thus to hang up the case indefinitely.—At the conclusion of the argument their lordships granted a rule nisi, and consented to mark it urgent as the next sessions would be held on the 20th inst.

Westminster.

BOR'S INHERITANCE.—Henry Hopkins, alias Howell, 16, no home, was charged on remand, with stealing from 6, Stafford-place, Buckingham Gate, three 25s notes and £5 in gold, the monies of his mistress, Mrs. King.—Prosecutor said she took the boy into her service as page about the end of September. He came on trial, and after remaining 9 days, absconded. She soon discovered the cause of his flight, and communicated with the police. A few days later the boy called upon her and begged to be forgiven. With a view to talking the matter over with him, she asked him to go to the sitting-room, and await her, but, instead of doing so, he rushed past her, out of the house, into the arms of a policeman.—Det.-serg. Bowdler said the boy had spent some weeks in Portsmouth since robbing his mistress. He had no friends in England, his father, after undergoing a term of penal servitude, having been sent to Australia. The boy was formerly employed at the Army and Navy Stores and other places, but stole money and absconded in the same way as he had done in the present case. He (the sergeant) had received a letter from the police at Portsmouth to the effect that the boy had stolen a bicycle there, and had also made false statements with regard to Mr. Howell, a Southsea auctioneer, whose name he had adopted and forged.—Mr. Sheil: I am convinced he is a thorough bad boy, but I am afraid all I can do is to send him to prison.—Mr. Howell said he was very sorry for the lad, and was afraid he had inherited a criminal taint from his father.—Mr. Sheil: We can't allow an obnoxious beast to be for ever preying upon society. I can't send him to a reformatory on account of his age.—Mr. Howell said he had good reason for believing there were some doubts as to this. He was of opinion the lad was only 14.—Remanded for inquiries.

OLD MAN'S ESCAPE.—A miserably-clad old fellow of 76, giving the name of Mark Webb, was placed in the dock on a charge of drunkenness.—P.C. 475 B stated that he saw the old man fall beneath the feet of a cab horse standing in King's-road, Chelsea. The animal moved, placing one hoof on prisoner's chest, and then dragged the vehicle over his head and ankle. Witness picked him up, and conveyed him to hospital, when after examining his foot and ribs the surgeon certified him to be drunk, and said he was quite fit to be removed.—Prisoner now asked the magistrate to send him to the workhouse. His ribs were so bad he could hardly breathe, and he longed to go somewhere and rest.—Mr. Sheil: What have you got to say about being drunk?—Prisoner: I don't know much about it; I don't remember. I feel very bad.—Mr. Sheil: You will go to the workhouse?—Prisoner: Yes, if you please, and be glad to lay on a bed.—Mr. Sheil: Very well. A constable shall take you there.

Marylebone.

ALLSOED SAVAGE ASSAULT.—William Riddle, 36, labourer, Southam-street, Kensal Town, was charged with committing a serious assault upon William Fred. Griffiths, of Rockingham Buildings, Newington Causeway. Prosecutor said he was in the Jew's Harp public-house, Redhill-street, Regent's Park, on Friday night. Prisoner picked up prosecutor's liquor to drink, and the latter told him that he (prosecutor) had paid for that. Riddle struck him a heavy blow on the jaw and knocked him on to the floor. As he got up prisoner seized hold of him by the vest with one hand and with the other fist dealt him blows about the head and face. Prisoner's companion also punched him while Riddle held him. The police were sent for and prisoner was arrested, the companion escaping. Prosecutor said he had entirely lost the sight of both eyes.—A. E. Wheatley, son of the landlord, spoke to seeing prisoner punching the prosecutor. He went for the police.—Prisoner alleged that prosecutor offered to fight him for £1, and that they fought in the bar, but that the prosecutor and the witness absolutely denied.—Remanded.—Warrant issued for the arrest of the other man.

West London.

LEAD STEALING.—Arthur Buckingham, plumber, Hazlebury-road, Fulham, and Hugh Munro, labourer, were brought up on remand charged with the unlawful possession of a quantity of new lead.—Prisoner Munro was stopped by the police with a bag containing

a quantity of new lead piping, and Buckingham, who was with him, had 50 lbs. of new lead strapped round his waist under his clothes. A charge was now preferred against prisoners for stealing the lead from the works where they were employed at the erection of the new library in Wandsworth Bridge-road.—Buckingham, six weeks' Munro, discharged.

CONFUSED APPLICATION.—A gentleman entered the court with some newspapers in his hand, and complained that a publican in Brompton-road had detained his gold watch.—Applicant was asked to state its value, and he replied £25.—Mr. Rose said he could not grant the summons, the watch being too valuable for his jurisdiction.—The applicant said: Say £20.—Mr. Rose: That is too much.—Applicant then reduced the value to £15, and the summons was granted to him.—A question then arose as to the jurisdiction of the court, the magistrate being informed that Brompton-road, by an arrangement, was in the district of the Westminster Police Court.—The applicant said he had been sent from the police station to the court.—Mr. Rose: You must go to the police court and they have sent me here. This is Westminster or Hammersmith. I don't know where I am. (Laughter.) I reside in Victoria-street.—Mr. Rose thought the man was confused and recommended him to apply again.—Applicant, who objected, said he had spoken as lucidly as he was able. He referred the magistrate to his cabman, who was waiting for him, and on inquiry it was found that the applicant had been to several police stations but not to the police court. He was then directed to apply at Westminster, and he left the court with great reluctance.

North London.

MURDERS ASSAULT WITH A POKE.—Ann Young, 50, was charged on remand with violently assaulting Phoebe Young by striking her on the head with a poker.—P.S. 26 Y said he had made inquiries at the parish infirmary, and was informed that the injured woman was not likely to leave her bed for at least another week. The assault took place in a common lodging-house in Queensland-road, Holloway. The women quarrelled over some domestic matter, and the prisoner alleged that the prosecutrix used offensive language to her, which she "as the mother of a large family" resented. She further stated that the other woman took up the poker, and she (prisoner) took it from her, and used it first. The result was a terrible wound on the head.—Remanded in custody of £10.

Worship-street.

ANOTHER CANDIDATE FOR LADY HENRY SOMERSET.—Charlotte Charlton, 4, who is said to be married, but has no home, made another appearance on a charge of wilful damage.—The prisoner was last before this court on Sept. 6, when her history, as given by Sgt. Connell, the gaoler, showed that she had made some 35 appearances in the dock, always on a charge of smashing a public-house window. Morever, it was always the same window of the same public-house—the Sir John Barleycorn, Thomas-street, Whitechapel. For each she has nursed a grudge against that house, and when she first came before it, magistrate noticed that there was a sharp low of a shade of a policeman.—Det.-serg. Bowdler said the boy had spent some weeks in Portsmouth since robbing his mistress. He had no friends in England, his father, after undergoing a term of penal servitude, having been sent to Australia. The boy was formerly employed at the Army and Navy Stores and other places, but stole money and absconded in the same way as he had done in the present case. He (the sergeant) had received a letter from the police at Portsmouth to the effect that the boy had stolen a bicycle there, and had also

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TRAINING THE TABLES.—PECTILAR CASE.—William Lawson, 25, described as a baker, of Elsie-street, Stepney, was charged with the unlawful possession of a bottle of whisky, supposed to be stolen.—P.C. 85 H was, it appeared, in plain clothes in Commercial-street at 11 o'clock on the previous night and was accosted by the prisoner, who offered to sell him a "bottle of whisky" cheap. The constable looked at it, and asked the price, demurred, and eventually offered £1. 6d., which the prisoner said he would accept, and handed over the bottle on production of the money. But the officer, having got the bottle, returned his money to his pocket, and said that being a constable he should charge the prisoner with the unlawful possession of the whisky. He took the prisoner to the station, where the man said he had bought the bottle for £1. In the dock now the prisoner told the same tale, but added: "I don't think it is whisky. Look at the cork; it don't look right." It was suggested that the cork should be drawn and the contents tasted.—Insy. Full, G Div., acted on the suggestion obtained a corkscrew, drew the cork, and tasted the contents of the bottle. Making a wry face, the officer declared that it was only water with a little vinegar added to give the colour of Irish whisky.—The magistrate said that the charge of unlawful possession of a bottle of whisky must fail.—The prisoner looked jubilant.—"But," added the learned gentleman, "the prisoner attempted to obtain eighteenpence by a trick, and I shall commit him for trial at the sessions for attempted fraud."—The prisoner, whose face on hearing this was a study in expression, was removed from the dock ejaculating, "Well, I'm d—d."

Thames.

SETTING FIRE TO A MOTHER'S HOUSE.—Timothy O'Brien, 20, giving his address as the Dover Barracks, was charged on his own confession, with setting fire to 22, Mayfield-buildings, St. George's; and, further, with being a deserter from the West Survey Regiment.—P.C. 135 H said while on duty on Friday night in Cable-street he heard shouts of "fire." On entering the ground floor of No. 22, Mayfield-buildings, he saw a bed and mattress in flames. With assistance he got the things off the bedstead and extinguished the fire with water. Prisoner then came to witness and said, "I'm the bloke that set fire to my mother's house. I am in the Army, and came home expecting to have a happy time." He made an allegation against his mother, and added, "I smashed up every-

thing and set fire to the bed." Witness took him to the police-station, and in answer to the charge he said, "It is quite right. I did it." Prisoner afterwards said his pass was in Pinchin-street, where witness obtained it. O'Brien was in plain clothes. The pass would not expire until the 10th inst. Prisoner's mother declined to come to the station. O'Brien had been drinking.—Mr. Dickinson said there was no ground for the charge that the prisoner was a deserter, and on that he would be discharged.—Ambrose Lester, in charge of the Commercial-road Fire Station, proved being called to the fire. Two engines turned out, but on their arrival the flames had been extinguished.—Remanded.

ATTACK SALVAGE MONEY.—Edward Keys, 25; and William Hearne, 19; William Cook, 25; and Thomas Clark, 26, labourers, were charged with stealing 6s. 6d. of gold, valued at £4 15s., from the barge Jane, lying at Duddon's Wharf, Isle of Dogs.—On the 2nd inst. the barrels of oil, which were the property of the London Oil Storage Company, were missing. Insy. Stevens made inquiries and found that 5 of the barrels had been taken to Her Majesty's Tobacco Ground, Rotherhithe, with a view of getting salvage money from the Receiver of Wreckage.—Prisoners alleged that the barge floating in the Thames, they found the barrels floating in the Thames, but evidence was called to show that with the exception of the one found by Keys, it was impossible for them to have rolled into the water.—Mr. Dickinson discharged Keys, and the other prisoners, who pleaded guilty, had committed a clever robbery.—The other prisoners were sentenced to 6 months' hard labour each.

West Ham.

CHAROS OF MURDER.—Benjamin Green, 18, ship's fireman, Garvey-road, Custom House, was charged with causing the death of a man unknown by striking him in the face with his fist at Victoria Dock-road.—Daniel G. Reed, a lad of about 16, living at Victoria Dock-road, said that at 7 o'clock the previous evening he was outside his master's shop door. Close by he saw the prisoner and another man. The prisoner hit the other man in the face, and he fell down backwards. Prisoner walked away.

He only gave one blow. Witness went to the man on the ground and saw a wound over his left eye, from which blood was coming, and a gash on the back of his head. This was also bleeding. Two gentlemen got him up and a policeman was sent for. The man when raised could not stand. He was taken away on a stretcher, and witness told the constable what he had seen. Before the blow was struck the other man had been outside the shop a minute or two before. Then the prisoner came up, and the two were together 4 or 5 minutes before the blow.—By Mr. George, for the defence. He had previously seen the two at the Lilliput public-house. There was a row then on, and the prisoner and deceased were in the middle of the people. They were "jawing" each other. Deceased was drunk, and prisoner was a bit up.—P.C. 115 H said that at about 7 o'clock the previous evening he was called to the Lilliput Arms, and after some statements had been made to him he went down the Victoria Dock-road and found the deceased on the footway. There were 20 or 30 persons around, among them the prisoner. Deceased could not walk, and was carried by another man. He was seen by Dr. Italy, and was subsequently removed to the Poplar Hospital. On arrival there, the house surgeon said the man was dead.—Dr. Sutton, Poplar Hospital, said the deceased arrived at that institution at 8.10. He was dead. Externally there was a contused lacerated wound on the left temple, and another on the scalp. Both were due either to a blow, kick, or fall.—Det.-serg. Reed said that at 1 o'clock that morning he went to Hooper's, Custom House. Here he saw prisoner, and when he told him the charge, prisoner said, "I am innocent; I know nothing about it."—Remanded.—The deceased was apparently a labourer, aged 45, about 5 ft. 6 in. high, with fair hair, brown moustache turning grey. He wore a black cloth jacket, dark wide trousers, lace boots, and leather belt.

INQUESTS.

STRANGE AFFAIR AT PECKHAM.—Mr. Wratt held an inquest at Peckham on Henry Drapper, foreman to Messrs. White and Sons, mineral water manufacturers, lately at the Neat-street, Camberwell.—The widow said that early one Sunday in September deceased came home and told her that two brothers named Duggan, employed by the same firm, had shockingly ill-used him; they had knocked him down, kicked him, and had not been for a man named Hicks, would have killed him. He was able to follow his employment, but had never been the same man since, and constantly complained of pains in his head. On the 30th ult. he was taken out of the Grand Surrey Canal, near the Globe Bridge, and brought home by two policemen. He was apparently very ill, and was at once seen by a doctor, who attended him till death.

John Evans, foreman, said that deceased told him that the Duggans had kicked him about the head while he was lying on the floor in the tea-room.—Ernest Duggan, having been cautioned by the coroner, stated that deceased was the aggressor. While witness was assisting to load one of the vans deceased hit him. Witness struck him back, and was knocked over a trolley. Witness denied kicking him. His brother, James Duggan, did not strike deceased; he only came into the room to see that witness did not get the worst of it, deceased being much the heavier man.—Dr. Bousfield, surgeon, said he was called to see deceased on Oct. 30, and was told that he had been beaten up out of the canal. Witness asked how he got in, and he replied, "I suppose I put myself in." Death was due to syncope from blood poisoning.—Verdict accordingly.

CAPTAIN'S STRANGE DEATH.—Dr. Thomas held an inquiry at St. Pancras on Capt. Wyndham Drake, 54, of the Royal Horse Guards, stationed at Albany-street Barracks.—The widow stated that deceased on Wednesday after supper went out to meet some friends. At 11 he returned to bed, and when he became possessed of it he was arrested. A warden proved that in Oct., 1892, prisoner was sentenced to three years for stealing zinc, after six previous convictions for similar offences.—3 months.

PRIMATONIAL DIFFERENCES.—Ada Knight, of North-street, Clapham, was summoned for having assaulted Robert Jones, who lives in Beaufoye-road, Battersea.—Complainant, whose head was bandaged, said that on Oct. 29 he called at the defendant's house in company with his father and brother to inquire after the latter's wife, when defendant stabbed him in the eye, rendering him unconscious.—The brother proved having witnessed the assault, and explained that he went to the house to see deceased was the aggressor. While witness was assisting to load one of the vans deceased hit him. Witness struck him back, and was knocked over a trolley. Witness denied kicking him. His brother, James Duggan, did not strike deceased; he only came into the room to see that witness did not get the worst of it, deceased being much the heavier man.—Dr. Bousfield, surgeon, said he was called to see deceased on Oct. 30, and was told that he had been beaten up out of the canal. Witness asked how he got in, and he replied, "I suppose I put myself in." Death was due to syncope from blood poisoning.—Verdict accordingly.

HOW DIPHTHERIA IS SPREAD.—Dr. Westcott held an inquiry at Bethnal Green on Rosetta Mudd, 4, daughter of a costermonger.—The mother stated that on Tuesday deceased was taken ill, complaining of her throat and a difficulty of breathing. During the day the child grew worse, so next morning she took her to a doctor's, and he said he was a bad case of diphtheria and ordered her to take it to the hospital at once.—Coroner: Why did you not do so?—Witness: I didn't want my child taken away from me.

Coroner: You therefore rob your child of its only chance of living. If you had taken it to the hospital they might have saved it.

Dr. O'Brien stated that the child's windpipe was completely blocked he told the mother to take it to the hospital at once, as an operation was necessary in order to save its life. Later he was informed of its death. The autopsy showed death to be due to diphtheria.—The coroner said the mother had done her best to spread the disease by taking her child back home into a crowded neighbourhood.—Verdict, natural death.

BURNT TO DEATH.—Mr. Hicks held an inquiry at Battersea on Susannah Parr, 76, widow of a gardener, lately lodger in Lavender-road, Battersea, who died from burns.—G. Langford stated that deceased lodged at his house. On Wednesday night his attention was attracted to her room by a noise. On going in he found the place in darkness, and stumbled over deceased, who was found on fire, about the upper part of her body. He extinguished the smouldering embers with his hands, and assisted cut them off with scissors. She was got to bed and the wounds dressed with linseed oil. A doctor was sent for, and the next day deceased telegraphed for. Deceased herself thought she must have fainted and fallen on the fire, when warming herself previous to getting into bed.—Dr. Dyson stated that death was

due to failure of the heart, the result of the burn.—Verdict, accidental death.

EXTRAORDINARY VERDICT.—Mr. Drew held an inquest at Kensington, on Agnes Head, 56, wife of a butler, who died from the effects of a fall from a window in Field-road. The husband stated that his wife had been ill for some years through excessive drinking, in fact she had been insane and three times confined in the lunacy ward of the Kensington Infirmary. She suffered from extraordinary delusions and made criminal statements of a serious nature concerning himself and others. In consequence of her extravagance he gave housekeeping money to his daughter, but deceased got money from the Saville Arms, and spent £6. 10d. on brandy and whisky. He found the bottles under the bed. On Sunday he, with his daughter, tried to find deceased's keys and money to prevent her spending more. Deceased was very abusive and followed them into the bed-chamber, and when witness went out he locked the door. The next he heard that she had jumped from the window, and he conveyed her to the Infirmary in a cab.

—Mrs. Bay, neighbour, said she saw deceased sitting in the bed-chamber window-sill. She advised her to get in, but she said "I shan't," and dropped into the yard below.—Dr. Woodhouse, of Kensington Infirmary, said when admitted deceased's face was considerably bruised, and her shoulder fractured. She was conscious and abusive, but made no statement. She died from shock due to concussion of the brain from injuries to the head and shoulder, caused by a fall from a window whilst under the influence of drink, and whilst trying to escape from a room where the door was locked, and that she did not try to kill herself.

SUICIDE.—Mr. Drew held an inquest at Fulham on Ellen Price, daughter of an engine-fitter, of Escourt-road, Fulham, who died on Wednes-day. The mother said she put the child to bed in a cot wrapped in a blanket. Some time afterwards, when she went to give it some milk, she found it lying face downwards, dead.—Dr. Delahunt, who was called, said he found the deceased's face blue, its legs drawn up, and its hands clenched. Death was due to suffocation.—Verdict, accidental death.

ALLEGED BOGUS DETECTIVE.

An extraordinary story of gullibility and gross imposition was unfolded at Marylebone Police-court, on Saturday, before Mr. Curtis Bennett. Thos. Wm. Newman, 55, an ex-convict, giving an address at Cambridge-place, Kilburn, was charged on a warrant with obtaining £3. from Edwd. Gardiner, commission agent, of Surrendale-place, Paddington, by fraud.—Prosecutor deposed that about 1.15 p.m. on the 5th inst., he went into the Earl Derby public-house, Ambley-road, Harrow-road, and there saw the prisoner, who was a stranger to him sitting in the bar. Shortly after a friend of witness entered the bar and paid him an outstanding account, whereupon the prisoner got up and left the house. Witness also left a few minutes later, and upon reaching the street saw the prisoner, who, beckoning and approaching him at the same time, said, "Your name is Gardner, isn't it?" Witness replied in the affirmative, and the prisoner then said, "I am sent from Paddington Green to pinch (i.e. arrest) you for betting. Shake hands, old fellow; I don't wish to do you any harm." They then proceeded together towards the Paddington Green Police Station, and upon reaching the Needham Arms public-house they entered, at witness's request, and had some refreshment. As they left the house the prisoner said, "What are you going to give me for doing you a good turn?" and witness, believing him to be a police officer, gave him 5s. The prisoner then released him, telling him to hurry away as his inspector was coming. Having suspicions as to the genuineness of his captor, witness made enquiries respecting him, and upon meeting Sgt. Atkinson in the Harrow-road told

"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

Monkeys are remarkably fond of oysters. The land devoted to the cultivation of the potato in India is about 117,000 acres.

Liverpool had the remarkably high death-rate of 37.6 per 1,000 last week.

The death-rate from scarlet fever did not last week reach 1.0 per 1,000 in any of the 33 great towns of England and Wales.

The rate of transmission on Atlantic cables is usually 18 words of 5 letters each per minute.

The Duke of York will open the Great Hall Block of the Church House on some day towards the end of January.

The centenary fund recently started by the Methodist New Connexion has reached in promises and payments £23,412.

It is a common belief in some rural districts that when hogs carry straw or sticks in their mouths rain will soon follow.

Nearly 10,000 tons of tea were recently landed in Tacoma, Washington, from Yokohama and Shanghai on one day.

Felino Rubio, a tramcar conductor at San Antonio, Texas, declares he is brother-in-law of President Diaz, of Mexico.

Of 92 samples of milk sold at St. Pancras, analysed by Dr. Sykes, the medical officer of health, 32 were found to be adulterated.

Capt. Warrand, late Seaforth Highlanders, has been appointed Brigade-major of the Highland Volunteer Infantry Brigade.

The Rev. J. Perkins, assistant master of St. Edward's School, Oxford, has been appointed minor canon of Ely Cathedral.

The Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain has presented the Hanbury medal to Dr. A. Vogl, Professor of Pharmacology.

It is stated that Mr. Asquith and Mr. Corrie Grant have given an opinion adverse to any further action in the case of Mine Lanchester.

A goods guard, named Edward Walton, in the employ of the N.E.R. Co., was killed outside Scarborough Station while engaged in shunting operations.

The highest permanent astronomical observatory in the world—on the summit of Mont Blanc—is at last completed and fully equipped with instruments.

Emeritus Prof. Struthers has been elected President of the Edinburgh Royal College of Surgeons. The new president is a Fellow of some 50 years' standing.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Sir H. Elphinstone as one of the conveyancing counsel to the High Court of Justice in succession to Mr. T. Key, deceased.

The underground electric railway proposed for Paris is to traverse the city in the direction of its greatest length, which will cause it approximately to follow the course of the Seine.

Statistics just completed show that last year was an exceptionally healthy period in St. Pancras. The death-rate of the parish was 18.1 per 1,000 living—the lowest rate on record.

The financial record of Dr. Barnardo's Homes for last year is remarkable. The income for the year reached the large total of £150,291 12s. 9d., exceeding that for 1893 by no less than £16,237 13s. 8d.

The Emperor Francis Joseph has quashed the legal proceedings against Mr. M. Lockie, who was charged with assaulting a policeman named Brachat at the time of the arrest of the coachman of the British Embassy early last month.

Two new convalescent houses have been erected by the Perth District Board of Lunacy, the object being to separate patients, who have to a considerable extent recovered, from association with those in whom mental disorder is still pronounced.

In London 2,525 births and 1,790 deaths were registered last week. Allowing for increase of population, the births were 171 below, and the deaths 179 above, the average numbers in the corresponding weeks of the past 10 years.

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ceding year, and 225 below the annual average of the preceding 10 years.

In Paris there is a wine shop for every 3 houses.

Six thousand Chinese coins go to make one English sovereign.

In Russia a young man does not attain his majority until he is 25.

All the chickens in the western part of France Guines are perfectly white.

A Moscow chemist has discovered that the white poplar tree is a natural lightning-rod.

Darwin said that salt water fish can, with care, be slowly accustomed to live in fresh water.

Little alligators are admired as drawing-room pets in some of the fashionable houses of Paris.

Among English people dark brown hair is more than twice as common as hair of any other shade.

There is a dearth of doctors in N.W. India, notably in the most unhealthy portions of the country.

Shopkeepers in China seldom give credit.

If their patrons need money they borrow it of the money-lenders.

A priest in Posen, Prussia, was recently poisoned at the church altar. The deadly drug had been put in the chalice wine.

A blacksmith's tools of the present day are almost identical with those used in the same trade over 300 years ago.

Two hundred women are employed by Edison in working at the more delicate details of his electrical inventions.

Sir A. Sullivan's "Ivanhoe" will be performed at the Royal Opera House, Berlin, for the first time on the 19th inst.

The Koh-i-Noor, or Mountain of Light, is stated to have been discovered in the diamond mines of Golconda more than 3,000 years ago.

The lowest known species of humanity are the aborigines of Australia. They have little or no reasoning power, and they are only controlled through fear.

Arabian women who have to go into mourning stain their hands and feet with indigo for 8 days, and during that time they will drink no milk, on the ground that its white hue does not harmonise with their mental gloom.

Within a week or two a commencement will be made with the new Central London Electric Railway. The first workings of the new line are to be made in the City, in front of the Royal Exchange.

Mincing-lane, London, the great centre of the tea world, was once the site of a convent, occupied by the nuns of St. Helens, the Saxon term "mincen"—a name being changed in the latter days to Mincing.

The Dominion Government has granted a subsidy of £25,000,000 to establish a steamship service during the winter from St. John, New Brunswick, to Liverpool, so as to allow of live cattle shipments being continued during that season.

Sleeplessness is often cured by the administration of from one-half pint to a pint of warm liquid food—say soup or milk—just before retiring. This treatment draws the blood from the brain to the stomach.—"Family Doctor."

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It is a curious fact that the "Arabian Nights" and "Andersen's Fairy Tales" have been translated into more different languages than any other books, with 4 exceptions: the Bible, Thomas Kempis' "Imitation of Christ," "Robinson Crusoe," and the maid-in-romance of "Paul and Virginia."

A wealthy spinner of Antwerp presented to the Antwerp Cathedral an organ with 6,000 pipes, 90 registers, 4 keyboards, and of such weight that the former organ gallery had to be taken away and a new one erected. The bells are worked by a gas motor of 3-horse power.

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In Italian cities the cleaning of streets is sold to the highest bidder at a public auction. The bidder puts over 400 yards of street in charge of one man with a hand-cart, who is kept constantly at work from sunrise to sunset, and in the twilight. At intervals large carts go round and receive the contents of the hand-carts. The dirt is taken to a factory, where it is pressed into blocks of about a cubic yard in dimension. These are placed on the market, and are sold for fertilising purposes.

A gentleman travelling in Japan took the mainspring of his watch, which he took to a native village jeweller. The watch was returned, apparently in as good going order as ever, and it kept good time until the rainy season set in, when it stopped. Being in the city of Tokio at the time, the traveller took the watch to an English workman, who was astonished to find that the cunning Japanese had put in a spring made out of bamboo, which, so long as it kept dry, remained elastic, but during wet weather had gathered dampness and lost its power.

The word "calico" has a queer origin. Many centuries ago the first monarch of the province of Malabar gave to one of his chiefs, as a reward for distinguished services, his sword and all the land within the limit of which cock crowing at a certain temple could be heard. From this circumstance the little town which grew up in the centre of this territory was called Calicota, or the "cock crowing." Afterwards it was called Calicut, and from this place the first

cotton goods were imported into England bearing the name of calico.

A Toronto man has invented an oven through which, in the process of baking, fresh air is constantly circulating. Meats baked in it have a delicious flavour.

The London Hindu Association dined this week at Holborn Restaurant. The leading toasts were "The Queen," "India," and "The land we live in."

The Dean and Chapter of Westminster have appointed Canon Furse to succeed the Dean of Canterbury as Archdeacon of Westminster.

Dr. Briggs, physician, of Ingalls, Canada, was chastising his 14-year-old son because the boy neglected some work when the young fellow fatally shot him.

So much fruit has been raised in California this season that the local markets have been glutted, and in San Francisco tons of melons, pears, and plums have been thrown into the sea.

The Duke of Bedford has just presented to the village of Husborne Crawley, near Luton, a magnificent building, forming reading and recreation-rooms, which has been erected at a cost of £2,000.

Nubar Pasha, the Egyptian Premier, has been owing to his advanced age. He has been succeeded by Mustapha Fehmy Pasha. There is to be no change in the policy of the Ministry.

Mr. Arthur Montefiore read a paper at the meeting of the Royal Geographical Society on the subject of the first winter of the Jackson-Harmsworth Polar Expedition, and some discoveries in Frans Josef Land.

Earl Carrington has decided to place Wycombe Abbey and the splendid park which surrounds it in the market. He recently purchased his mother's family seat of Glyndwr Castle, in North Wales.

There are 33,064 miles of postal route in New South Wales, of which 11,000 miles are traversed on horseback, 18,330 miles by coach, 2,520 miles by rail, 68 miles by tramway, and 824 miles by steamer.

A large Jewish manufacturer of Lodz, named Hartmann Konstadt, recently deceased, has left a million of roubles for the benefit of the poor Hebrews in that great Polish industrial centre.

Mr. Balfour has now arranged a suite of sleeping rooms at No. 10, Downing-street. The leader in the Commons only intends to occupy these rooms on occasions when his own house in Carlton House Gardens is not available.

The London has maintained for many years pre-eminence in the fur trade. American and Russian buyers both visit the city to buy furs originally taken in their own respective countries.

No division has yet been arrived at by Sir M. W. Ridley in regard to the case of Prof. Lankester, on whose behalf several strong representations were recently made to the Home Office.

Mr. Pawelski commenced his tour of America last week by playing twice in New York, once in Philadelphia, and once in Poughkeepsie. It is stated that his net profit for the 4 concerts amounted to £2,200.

The opening meeting of the Royal Geographical Society for this session was held in London this week. It was announced that Mr. Goenchen and Mr. Chamberlain had been proposed as members of the society.

At a meeting of the directors of the Colonial Missionary Society, at the Memorial Hall, it was decided to raise a special fund of at least £5,000, the ordinary income being unequal to the strain now being placed upon it.

At Oxford Assizes, Hannah Messer, wife of a labourer, was convicted before Justice Cave of wilful and corrupt perjury in having sworn to the payment of 3 accounts for which she was sued in the Chipping Norton County court. Three months.

At Oldham, John William Taylor, for many years manager of the Oldham Loan Co., having begun to prepare their existing mineral line running from Brymbo to Minera, for passenger traffic. There will be 2 stations on the branch, at Coedpoeth and Minera.

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